

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-43 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 30 are hereby amended. Claims 1, 8 and 30 have been further amended to obviate the Examiner's claim objection. Claims 2 and 4 were amended to be consistent with the amended language of claim 1. For the reasons set forth in the 116 amendment previously filed on April 18, 2003, Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections.

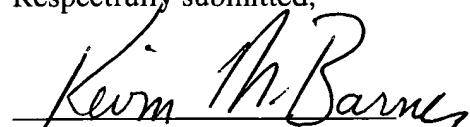
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims 1-43, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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